



Holy Family Parish

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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg

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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Holy Family

Tuesday ... 8 AM
Wednesday ... 8 AM
Saturday.....4 PM
Sunday.....11 AM
Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the
Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3 PM or by appointment

St Anne

Monday....8AM
Thursday....8AM
First Friday .. 8 AM (preceded by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament).. 7-8 AM
Saturday...4:30 PM
Sunday.....8 AM & 11 AM
Holy Days & Civil Holidays:
Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday at 3:30 PM

Save the Date:

12/26 Office closed
12/27 Office closed
1/2/23 Office closed
1/8 Holy Name 9:30
1/8 Faith Formation Gr 1-3 St Anne
1/9 Faith Formation Gr 4-8 Holy Fam
1/14 & 15 Burger & Fries sale Christian



DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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**4:00 PM | Saturday
December 24**

**Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister:
Houseman**

**11:00 AM | Sunday
December 25**

**Lector: Landini
Eucharistic Minister:
Landini**

**4:00 PM | Saturday
December 31**

**Lector: Materkowski
Eucharistic Minister:
Balenovich**

**11:00 AM | Sunday
January 1**

**Lector: Beneccio
Eucharistic Minister:
Luzi**

Saturday, 12/24

For: Christmas Eve
For Living & Deceased Mem-
bers of Holy Family Church

Sunday, 12/25

For: Christmas
For Living & Deceased Mem-
bers of Holy Family Church

Saturday, 12/31

For: Nino Lombardozi
From: Family

Sunday, 1/1

For: Stanley & Agnes Minkus
From: Leonard & Jeanne



The Nativity of the Lord / December 25, 2022

First Reading:

For a Child is born to us, a Son is given us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. (Is 9:5)

Psalm:

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all. (Ti 2:11)

Gospel:

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." (Lk 2:10-11)

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Observances for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week

New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

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WORSHIP TOGETHER

Christmas – (Isaiah 9: 1 – 7; Titus 2: 11 – 14; Luke 2: 1 – 14)

As we enter this holy season of Christmas, we pause to reflect and thank God for His great love for us. In churches, in homes, in some public squares we see the Christmas Crèche, Nativity Scenes depicting that first Christmas. This is a tradition that originated with St Francis of Assisi in the 13th century.

The other day as I was thinking about what to write, my mind wandered off to when I was a kid. In the room where we put up the Christmas Tree we had one of those cardboard fireplaces. And in it was a rotating bit of cellophane with a light behind it that simulated a real fire. Ah! How cozy! Not sure if such things are still available. Not sure if very many people living today (unless they grew up in the 1950's and 60's) would even know what I am talking about. But on Christmas Day we would sneak down the steps from our bedrooms, sit in front of that fireplace, turn to the tree to see what Santa left for us.

A part of our growing up included the Christmas Crèche that I mentioned above. Both in our home, and in our Grandparent's home was the small Nativity scene. Not everyone can go to see the actual birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem, and so we recreate its presence among us by means of a simple crib.

And when we think about it, a crib or manger is actually a feeding trough. The Savior, the Son of God, chose to be born in a humble manger with animals around Him to keep Him warm. And from that manger that feeds the animals, the Savior will feed each of us. The city of Bethlehem (literally—"City of Bread" is born the Bread of Life for us). Cribs have a special attraction for children and for the child that is still within each one of us. The mysteries of the Lord are hidden from the learned and the clever and are revealed to mere children. Gathered around the figures in the straw we see the beauty of the human person in the form and features of a new-born Child. This is the Child Who is the Prince of Peace.

This Child that we see lying in straw will one day be nailed to a cross and then laid in a tomb. The Prince of Peace is the Lamb of God – the Sacrificial Lamb Who allows Himself to die in our place so that we can live with Him forever in Heaven. This same Lord tells us that we can recognize Him in one another – "whatsoever you do to the least of My brothers and sisters you do to Me." That is what St Paul is telling us when he speaks about the ambition to do good.

We are all called to celebrate Christmas every day. We do this when we live as people of hope, joy-filled individuals who give praise and thanks for Jesus Christ. We can restore peace (if only in our small corner of the world) when we offer comfort and hope. Let the light of our lives match the lights that decorate our trees and homes, and warm others (much as did that cardboard fireplace) to lessen darkness, offer comfort, give guidance, calm fears, and help all people to see that God is with us. That's how all the ends of the Earth can see the saving power of God, even where darkness seems stronger on any given day.

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World & for Peace

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

DECEMBER

Upcoming

Faith Formation 1/8 9:30AM St Anne
 Faith Formation 1/9 7PM Parish Hall
 Holy Name 1/8 9:30AM Parish Hall
 CCM Burger & Fries Sale 1/14 1/15 Parish Hall
 The office will be closed December 26, 27 and
 January 2.



ALL OF THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELD AT ST ANNE'S

First Communion Dates

Sunday, February 5 - Communion Parent Meeting 9:45 - (cry room area)
Saturday, March 4 - Workshop - 9:00 - 12:00
Sunday, April 2 - Practice during class
Saturday, April 15 - First Communion 10:00 AM



Financial Report from 12/20/2022

Offertory: \$3,143.00	Loose: \$84.00
Candle: \$86.00	Monthly: \$95.00
Christmas \$200.00	
Christmas Flowers: \$30.00	
Immaculate Conception: \$30.00	
Oplatki \$136.00	Uplift & Faith: \$800.00
Sol. of Mary: \$10.00	
Parish Income: \$4,614.00	
Accent: \$64.00	
Total Offertory: \$4,678.00	

*Our heartfelt wishes to you and yours for
 a most Blessed Christmas Season.
 For those who have travelled to be with
 us - our prayers for safety in your return
 to your homes.*

*And to our Jewish brothers and sisters -
 our best wishes as they continue to cele-
 brate their Feast of Lights—Hanukkah.*

Saint John the Baptist, Perryopolis

Upcoming events

Bereavement Support - Beginning January 25, 2023, we will gather on the Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the Social Hall Lodge Room. Those who have experienced loss of any kind are invited to join us as we support one another along the path of grief.

Servants of the Holy Spirit - a group whose focus is on opening yourself to the Holy Spirit and letting the Spirit work through you, will be hosting an evening of Praise, Worship and Reflection on **the last Sunday of each month at 4pm** in the Church. All are invited to join us and to bring along a friend.

Sisters in Grace - a place for women to gather as friends. We pray together, spend time together, talk about a wide variety of stresses, topics, life issues that are part of our world and our kids and to support each other as we balance our lives as wife, mom, aunt, sister. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm.

January 4 - Contemplation on the Magnificat (in Church)

January 11 - Adoration - Letting the stress of the holidays go

January 18 - Bring a snack to share (Lodge Room)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptism Preparation Catechesis is required for parents and sponsors prior to the child's baptism. Please call the Office of Faith Formation to register and arrange a time for the ceremony.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Anointing and Holy Communion are available upon request to those who are sick, elderly or homebound. Families are requested to call the Parish Office (724) 872-6123 to arrange a visit.

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GODPARENT/CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE:

For a Catholic to be a sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, one must be a practicing Catholic regularly attending Sunday Mass and receiving the Sacraments, a registered member of the Parish and a faithful contributor to the support of the Parish for a minimum of four months. All requests for a certificate should be made four weeks in advance of the designated date needed for sponsorship.

"The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas"

"The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas," explores the popular symbols of Christmas, including St. Nicholas, one of the most recognizable figures in the world. Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about his visit to the Vatican, his audience with Pope Francis and the importance of the gift of the Eucharist. Plus, learn about the meaning behind the Christmas decorations in your home; the wreath, Christmas tree and luminary lights are all steeped in symbolism. Bells will be ringing this season as churches across the Diocese join together to ring church bells as a reminder to many to celebrate the birth of our Savior. And Bishop Kulick is back in the kitchen with a traditional Slovak Christmas Eve soup. "The Accent On-Air" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.

Catholic Relief Services

In response to the latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) report, Catholic Relief Services is warning of worsening food insecurity in Somalia while urging donors to do more to prevent the crisis from escalating. "What we're seeing on the ground is beyond tragic," said Rebecca Hallam, CRS' country representative for Kenya and Somalia. "People are dying from starvation, many of whom are women and children."

According to the latest report, which stops short of declaring famine, more than 5.6 million people are facing acute food insecurity, including more than 200,000 people facing catastrophic food shortages. Despite ongoing aid efforts, the report states that the underlying crisis has not improved, and that more "appalling" outcomes have only been temporarily averted. Please visit www.crs.org for more information and to see how you can help!

